

1 [SB 1111 - Asthma]

2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO APPROVE
3 STATE SENATE BILL 1111 REQUIRING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
4 SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT, INTERVENTION, AND
5 EVALUATION PROGRAM FOR THE CONTROL OF ASTHMA.

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7 WHEREAS, Asthma is a chronic respiratory illness of enormous
8 significance; and,

9 WHEREAS, Asthma affects an estimated 1.8 million Californians;
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11 WHEREAS, Since 1979, asthma rates around the world have steadily
12 been climbing, particularly among children; and,

13 WHEREAS, Asthma is a leading cause of school absences and
14 hospital admissions for children in California; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco County has higher asthma hospitalization
16 rates for Hispanic and Asian children aged 0-14 years than any other
17 County in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, The highest asthma hospitalization rates in San
19 Francisco were found in study areas containing the Bayview Hunters
20 Point and Tenderloin neighborhoods; and

21 WHEREAS, Statewide, the rate of hospitalizations of African-
22 Americans for asthma is three times that of whites; and,

23 WHEREAS, According to a community-led survey of
24 parents/caregivers of students at Bayview/Hunters Point elementary
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1 and middle schools, 17% of respondents have a child with an asthma
2 diagnosis; and,

3 WHEREAS, A statewide initiative is needed to address the problem
4 of asthma in an effective, comprehensive, way; and,

5 WHEREAS, Reducing the burden of asthma, especially among the
6 populations most seriously impacted, will require well-coordinated,
7 long-term programs; and,

8 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1111 would require the State Department of
9 Health Services to do the following: analyze asthma morbidity and
10 mortality data; asses the burden of asthma on the state's medical and
11 economic resources; identify those populations most seriously
12 affected by asthma; survey factors known to worsen asthma; assess
13 patters of medical care and population-based health services and the
14 extent of asthma interventions; offer public and professional
15 education; assist health care organizations to identify and develop
16 effective asthma diagnosis and treatment protocols; conduct research
17 to better understand the causes of asthma; establish and maintain a
18 surveillance and intervention program for prevention of workplace
19 asthma; support demonstrations of innovative asthma interventions;
20 collaborate with the Department of Education to develop
21 recommendations for school district policies related to asthma; and
22 convene an asthma advisory group; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
24 of San Francisco endorses Senate Bill 1111 and urges the Legislature
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1 and Governor to approve the bill to improve State assessment,
2 intervention, evaluation and control of asthma; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
4 his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the
5 delegation from San Francisco in the State legislature, as well as
6 Governor Davis, with a request that they take all action necessary to
7 pass Senate Bill 1111.



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Resolution

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Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve State Senate Bill 1111 requiring the State Department of Health Services to establish a comprehensive assessment, intervention and evaluation program for the control of asthma.

June 21, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

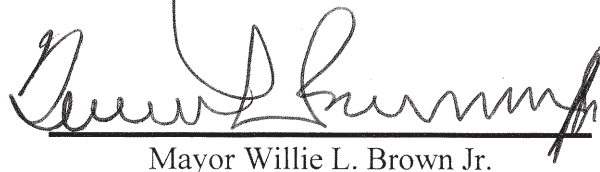
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 21, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
for Clerk of the Board

JUN 25 1999
Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.